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REMARKS

A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case; however, this RCE is being filed in lieu of an appeal brief.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time on 28 September 2004 discussing how the Examiner understood the words of the prior claims. The Examiner's perception of the words "process" and "control" led the Applicant to write the new claims presented above. The Examiner suggested a longer and more explanatory preamble to the claims and objected to the prior element that mentioned manipulating a persistent data structure.

One aspect of the new claims is conveying messages from a web server to a parent application by having the messages hitchhike along with a web page that the web server delivers to an embedded web server. These messages are referred to as special key tags that are distinct from HTML formatting tags. The special key tags are encoded with instructions to the parent application that are not intended for and most likely cannot be understood by the embedded browser. The parent application intercepts the web pages and acts upon the specially encoded instructions. The embedded browser displays other content of the web page.

No new matter is intended in these new claims. The Summary of Invention discusses an embedded browser in communication with a web server. Special tags / key tags are described that allow the web server to communicate with and control a particular desktop application that invokes the embedded browser. Trapping of special key tags by the parent application is described. Preferably, the special key tags include key words that are undefined in HTML, so that a browser will simply ignore the special key tags. A wide variety of special behaviors or functionalities are described beginning on page 7 of the application. Further information regarding the special key tags is found beginning on page 22 of the application. Use of key tags to instruct action by the parent application is illustrated in Figs. 4A-B, which are discussed beginning on page 24.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are certainly allowable over the Hoffman reference previously cited by the Examiner and may now be in condition for allowance. Applicant hereby solicits acceptance of the new claims.

Productive as the recent discussion was, an interview regarding the new claims is invited. The undersigned can ordinarily be reached at his office at (650) 712-0340 from 8:30 to 5:30 PST, M-F and can be reached at his cell phone (415) 902-6112 most other times.

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